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Quick Facts

- The incoming class contains the highest number of valedictorians and salutatorians that Winthrop has ever had.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA--Each year, Winthrop University welcomes an incoming class filled with up-and-coming entrepreneurs, do-gooders, outstanding athletes and family-oriented people.

The entering **Class of 2020** holds the highest number of valedictorians (9) and salutatorians (10) that Winthrop has ever had, as well as the highest averages

on the SATs.

Other highlights include:

***Lydia Coffey** of Anderson is the oldest of nine children and has performed a solo at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

***Evan Hailes** of Overland Park, Kansas, lettered in multiple sports at his high school and is a 6A State Champion in the Triple Jump, not to mention a member of the Diversity Leadership Council and the National Spanish Honors Society.

***Bianca Tedesco** of Coral Springs, Florida, just won the National United States Lacrosse's Jackie Pitts Award, presented to those who truly honor the game.

***Morganne Guinther** of Union, North Carolina, chaired oboe for the Union Symphony Youth Orchestra, started a health club/health fairs at her school and other schools, and graduated as valedictorian.

***Rachel McLaughlin** of Camden is an 11-time high school sports letterman and overcame juvenile diabetes. She and her twin, Michaela McLaughlin, will attend Winthrop.

***Kelly Sharpe** from Hopkins is Winthrop's First National Merit Scholarship winner.

*Another set of twins has its sights set on Winthrop: **Heath** and **Braxton Byrd** of Kershaw.

Other fun facts:

*Within the United States, **Siana O. Yamaguchi** traveled the farthest to attend Winthrop—4,655 miles from Waimnalo, Hawaii.

*Outside of the United States, **Nida S. Kamal** traveled 8,326 miles from Mumbai, India, to attend Winthrop.

Number of international students: 13

Most Common Boy Name: Jacob

Most Common Girl Names: Alexis and Sarah

The incoming students moved in Aug. 19 and attended Convocation on Aug. 22. Winthrop looks forward to the talents this new class will bring to campus!

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